

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF RALPH H.  
ANDERSON

**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 5, 1998*

Mr. McGOVERN Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant, Police Chief Ralph H. Anderson. Chief Anderson is retiring after 30 years of dedicated service with the Rutland Police Department. I join his family, friends and colleagues in celebrating his distinguished career.

Chief Anderson began his career as a police officer in 1968 and became Chief of Police in 1983. Ralph Anderson's devotion to his community is truly impressive. During Ralph Anderson's tenure with the Rutland Police Department, a larger and more effective police force emerged. Under his guidance, community programs including Neighborhood Watch and Kindness Police programs have prospered, helping to make his community safer for all.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to honor Chief Ralph H. Anderson for his strong commitment to serve the hardworking citizens of central Massachusetts and his genuine concern for his community. I want to congratulate and wish him the very best in his retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO PASQUALE "PAT"  
J. CURCIO, OF COPIAGUE, LONG  
ISLAND

**HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 5, 1998*

Mr. FORBES Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my friends and neighbors as we pay tribute to Pasquale "Pat" J. Curcio, of Copiague, who received an "Honorary Doctorate Degree" from New York Institute of Technology for his leadership in many of Long Island's civic, community and educational causes.

Pat Curcio was honored because the college appreciates his seemingly endless contributions of time and energy to the Long Island community. Pat works tirelessly to improve the quality of life of all his neighbors, and his support, leadership and dedication have made our community a better place.

To celebrate this recognition, Pat's friends are establishing a scholarship fund at New York Institute of Technology in his name. This scholarship will help deserving students pursue their dreams of a college education and a career in communications, engineering, criminal justice, a political science or medicine.

Pat's accomplished business life includes more than 35 years experience in computer graphics, aerospace engineering, telecommunications and architectural design, leading to many awards and accolades. He received the "1st Shuttle Flight Achievement Award" and the "Creative Development of Technology Award" from NASA and the "Recognition of Achievement Award" for his work on the Orbital Flight of the Space Shuttle.

A natural leader, Pat serves as Vice Chairman for the New York State Conservative Party, and Chairman of the Suffolk County and Babylon Town Conservative Parties. For

25 years, Pat served the Babylon Town Zoning Board of Appeals, and has been recognized for his exceptional public service by every major political party, organization and club in New York State, Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Yet, Pat is most proud of his work on behalf of fellow Long Islander Corporal Anthony Casamento in his battle against bureaucratic red tape so that he could receive the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions at Guadalcanal. Pat spearheaded a grassroots organization that for two and a half years worked to bring recognition to Corporal Casamento's heroism. President Jimmy Carter presented Corporal Casamento with the Medal of Honor in a White House, Rose Garden ceremony.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Pat Curcio and to recognize his commitment to promoting and protecting the quality of life for all of Long Island, for his family and his community. We are truly blessed to count him as our friend and neighbor.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
GARY C. POWELL

**HON. CHARLES W. STENHOLM**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 5, 1998*

Mr. STENHOLM Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Gary C. Powell upon his retirement from the United States Army after serving our great nation for over 20 exemplary years. For the past three years Lieutenant Colonel Powell has served as the Congressional Affairs Contact Officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters Department of the Army. In this position he has established a solid reputation among his peers and superiors alike. He serves as the principal advisor to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel on all matters relating to congressional activities.

Lieutenant Colonel Powell was born in Rotan, Texas on September 25, 1953. Upon completion of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps curriculum and the educational course of study at Hardin Simmons University in 1977, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry and awarded a BS degree in Social Work. He also holds a Master of Arts degree in Human Resource Development from Webster University. His military education includes completion of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Staff Course, and the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

His initial assignment was at Fort Campbell, Kentucky with the 101st Airborne Division. There he served as a rifle platoon leader, anti-tank platoon leader, and company executive officer, 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry, 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. In January 1980, he was assigned to the United States Army Ranger Department as a Ranger Instructor in the Florida Ranger Camp. He attended the Infantry Officer Advance Course in October 1982. After graduating in 1983, he was assigned as a Test Officer with the United States Airborne and Special Operations Test Board at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In November 1984 he was assigned as an assistant

operations officer with 3d Brigade, 82d Airborne Division. In May 1985 he assumed command of A Company, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, and again assuming command in June 1986 of Headquarters Company, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division. In June 1987 he was assigned as a combat arms assignment officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, XVIII Airborne Corps. He served in this capacity until his selection and assignment in July 1988 as the commander of the Joint Security Force Company, United Nations Command Security Force, Panmunjom, and Republic of Korea. After completion of his command, he was assigned as an operations officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, III Corps and Fort Hood, Texas. He left Fort Hood in June 1991 to attend the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. After graduating in 1992, he was assigned as the Operations Officer for the 2d Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Following his tour, he was selected to become the Deputy Chief of Staff for Force Integration for the 82d Airborne Division. In June 1994, he was assigned to Headquarters, Department of the Army, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, in Washington, DC. He served as a Personnel Systems Staff Officer until his selection in October 1995 to become the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Congressional Affairs Contact Officer.

Lieutenant Colonel Powell's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with six oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Superior Unit Award, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Air Assault Badge, the Australian Parachute Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge. He has served with great distinction and has earned our respect and gratitude for his many years of unselfish service to our nation's defense.

It is with great pride that I congratulate Gary upon his retirement and wish he and his wife, Tonie, all the best as they move on to face new challenges and rewards in the next exciting chapter of their lives.

KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF  
THE SOFTWARE INDUSTRY

**HON. TOM DeLAY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 5, 1998*

Mr. DELAY Mr. Speaker, until recently, the computer services industry, an engine of economic growth and job creation in the United States, has remained unbridled by the government. But that all changed when the Clinton Justice Department decided that Microsoft—a company whose innovations have made the personal computer the modern personal productivity tool—that Microsoft is harmful to the U.S. economy and must therefore be regulated.

The computer software industry has doubled its number of employees in the last eight